

fair share for roadway improvements for better base access and to lessen traffic congestion.

As chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, I continue working to secure forward-looking investments to expand Travis and Beale, while ensuring that the Air Force remains a good neighbor. I plan to make these Defense Access Road designations a major priority for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

Travis and Beale Air Force Bases and the surrounding areas must have the world-class infrastructure needed to carry out their mission. The legislation I introduce today would ensure just that.

## BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2022*

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4521, The America Competes Act of 2022. This legislation is the largest investment in our nation's manufacturing industries and reaffirms our reputation as a global leader across multiple industries. I am delighted to have two of my bills, H.R. 2774—the Green Climate Fund Authorization Act and H.R. 3036—the Secure E-Waste Export and Recycling Act (SEERA), included as part of this historic American-made legislative package to support and secure our technologies, research, and development at home and strengthen our collaboration on projects abroad.

Communities of color, indigenous people, and low-income households in the United States and across the world are disproportionately impacted by climate change and often live near sources of pollution. It is our moral obligation to uplift these frontline communities. To effectively combat climate change, we must reaffirm our nation's commitment to work with other countries to advance environmental justice. The Green Climate Fund, established within the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, achieves this by helping economically developing countries limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

During the prior Presidential administration, our nation did not fulfill the pledge we made on the world stage to provide funding to the Green Climate Fund. As an indispensable player in financing global endeavors that achieve the Paris Agreement, we must remedy this and continue to promote environmental justice.

The Green Climate Fund strengthens the economies of neighboring countries while also benefitting our nation's economy as we tackle climate change. The Tenth Report released by the Green Climate Fund, noted that 190 projects advancing climate justice around the world had been approved. These projects are helping 127 countries, including 31 in Latin America and the Caribbean. They are expected to reduce a total of 1.9 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions and reach 197 million direct and 399 million indirect beneficiaries. The Green Climate Fund benefits the American economy

because it helps deploy financial flows from the private sector to investment opportunities that promote sustainable development.

The United Nations Children's Fund reported last year that about one billion children are at an extremely high risk of enduring the impacts of the climate crisis. Climate change threatens their nutrition, health, education, and development. We must increase funding for the Green Climate Fund because future generations of children are counting on us to act so that they can live in a secure world.

SEERA also combats climate change by addressing electronic waste (e-waste) management in the United States. It enhances our national security, advances environmental justice, and bolsters our economy by stopping the flow of e-waste to China and requiring domestic recycling of all untested and non-working electronics, which promotes the creation of thousands of new jobs in the United States.

I urge my colleagues to support The America Competes Act of 2022.

## ACKNOWLEDGING THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF RECYCLE MY BATTERY

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 4, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the incredible work being done by Recycle My Battery, a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase sustainable battery disposal helping preserve the environment and fight climate change. Since their founding, Recycle My Battery has collected and recycled more than 150,000 used batteries as well as educated more than 1.5 million people on how they can properly recycle batteries, and why that process is so crucial to our communities and the long-term health of our planet.

They have been able to do this by educating our community on the correct and sustainable ways to recycle and dispose of batteries as well as placing battery recycling bins in easy to access places like schools, libraries, and local businesses. Shyam Suhas Kandala, a twelve-year-old from Chesterfield, New Jersey leads the New Jersey chapter of Recycle My Battery. I applaud Shyam and the more than thirty other New Jersey youth who, even at such a young age, have identified an imperative issue and have answered the call to serve.

I commend Shyam and the rest of Recycle My Battery on the work they are doing to better our planet's health, and I encourage more of us to get directly involved in trying to make the world a better, safer, cleaner place. With climate change being one of the most pressing challenges of our time I encourage each of us to follow their example in being better caretakers of our planet.

HONORING THE NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NLPOA)

**HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 4, 2022*

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA), which has for 50 years provided opportunities to Latino peace officers throughout the United States. As the former Police Chief of Orlando, Florida and now in my role as U.S. Representative for Florida's 10th Congressional District, I would like to celebrate the NLPOA for supporting the engagement, rights, and training of Latino law enforcement officers across the country.

Founded in 1972 by Vicente Calderon of the California Highway Patrol and John Parraz of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, the National Latino Peace Officers Association was formed to address the unique challenges that impact Latino peace officers in American law enforcement agencies. The organization works tirelessly to recruit, mentor, and train qualified Latino peace officers.

As a result of their engagement with law enforcement offices, communities throughout the United States, and Latino peace officers in particular, the NLPOA has contributed to important reforms related to its founding mission. For instance, the organization obtained bilingual pay for officers in the California Highway Patrol, which convinced other California police agencies to do the same. Moreover, members of the organization's Santa Clara Chapter in 1977 were instrumental in requiring Santa Clara County to increase diversity in the hiring and promotional processes for the county's law enforcement officers. This action helped set a precedent for the promotion of diversity in police ranks, something now widely agreed upon as a priority.

As a former law enforcement officer and the first woman police chief of Orlando, I recognize the importance of having well-trained officers that reflect the communities they serve across the country. The work of the NLPOA has been extremely important in this effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition and thanks to the National Latino Peace Officers Association for 50 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALEXANDER CITY

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 4, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Alexander City, Alabama.

A part of Alabama's Third Congressional District, Alexander City, is located in Tallapoosa County. In 1698, Captain Thomas Welch marked out the Okfuskee Trail through what became Tallapoosa County. Trading stations near Flint Hill, Young's Ferry, and Kowaliga were established by the English settlers.

Andrew Jackson's victory at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend secured control of East Central Alabama. Resulting from the 1832 Treaty of Cusseta, on December 18, 1832, the Alabama Legislature created Tallapoosa County.

In 1837, James Young acquired 320 acres, a large portion of present-day Alexander City. Griffin Young opened a post office in his store and eight men and women dubbed "The Baptist brethren settlers of Youngsville" organized Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church. For 35 years, Youngsville consisted of scattered farms, a store-post office and a church. One of Griffin Young's goals was to have a railroad constructed on his property, but the Civil War delayed that.

In anticipation of a railroad, Youngsville was incorporated in 1872. In 1873, the town was renamed Alexander City in honor of Edward Porter Alexander. Alexander, originally from Washington, Georgia, finished third in his class at West Point, served in the U.S. Army and later became an accomplished Confederate General. After the war, Alexander became President of the Savannah and Memphis Railroad. His support for locating the railroad in Alexander City literally transformed a small, scattered farm town into an area primed for future growth.

After the railroad was established, a school was built in 1879. Five years later, B.F.C. Russell moved to Alexander City. His youngest son was Ben Russell. In 1889, the Town Mayor B.L. Dean, led a movement to build a courthouse and the following year, J.C. Maxwell and Reuben Herzfeld persuaded "builders of a cotton mill" to locate in Alexander City. In 1902, Ben Russell began what became Russell Corporation as an underwear manufacturer. That year, a fire devastated the bulk of downtown Alexander City.

In 1919, the B.B. Comer family purchased Alexander City Cotton Mills. Known as the Avondale Bevelle Plant, the company employed thousands of local textile workers over several decades. In 1926, Lake Martin, the world's largest man-made lake, was completed. The lake has benefited the local area for years. Other area improvements include Benjamin Russell High School and Central Alabama Community College.

At Russell Corporation's peak, there were over 7,000 employees. NAFTA and other agreements contributed to the demise of textiles, including Russell, which was purchased by Fruit of the Loom. Although the community has struggled to recapture its footing, concerted efforts by the community to reinvent Alexander City have begun to pay dividends with more diverse employment opportunities, partnership with the lake, a bustling Highway 280, and the revitalization of downtown.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Alexander City a happy 150th anniversary.

#### BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD these exchanges of letters between the Committee on Science,

Space, and Technology and the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, respectively.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, February 1, 2022.

Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: I write concerning H.R. 4521, the "America COMPETES Act of 2022," which was additionally referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 4521, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as this bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. I also request that you support my request to name members of the Committee to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

Finally, I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter into the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 4521.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,  
Washington, DC, February 1, 2022.

Hon. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PALLONE, I am writing you concerning H.R. 4521, the "Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021" which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on July 19, 2021.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. I acknowledge that you will waive further consideration of H.R. 4521 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Energy and Commerce over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Energy and Commerce during any House-Senate conference. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, DC, January 26, 2022.

Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: This letter confirms our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 4521, the Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021. Thank you for collaborating with the Committee on Agriculture on the matters within our jurisdiction.

The Committee on Agriculture will forego any further consideration of this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House

floor for consideration. However, by foregoing consideration at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over any subject matter contained in this or similar legislation. We request our Committees continue to work together on changes to this bill that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture and that we be consulted and involved as this bill moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. The Committee on Agriculture also reserves the right to seek appointment of any appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation and ask that you support any such request.

We would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4521 and request that a copy of our letters on this matter be published in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration.

Sincerely,

DAVID SCOTT,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,  
Washington, DC, January 27, 2022.

Hon. DAVID SCOTT,  
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT, I am writing to you concerning H.R. 4521, the "Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021," which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on July 19, 2021.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture. I acknowledge that your Committee will waive further consideration of H.R. 4521 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Agriculture over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and will support the appointment of the Committee on Agriculture conferees during any House-Senate conference. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,  
Chairwoman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### HONORING JOHN LUND AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Lund, the City Administrator for Atlantic, as Iowan of the Week. John's dedication to the residents of Atlantic and securing federal grants to meet the needs of Atlantic residents is the type of hard work that deserves recognition.

City administrators are not someone most folks spend a lot of time thinking about—who is the person paying the bills, focusing on margins and distributions, and submitting grant applications? But that's what John does for residents of Atlantic. He says he loves the budgeting process and getting to see his community grow day by day.

John is a lifelong Iowan; he was born in Johnston, attended Cornell College in Mount